

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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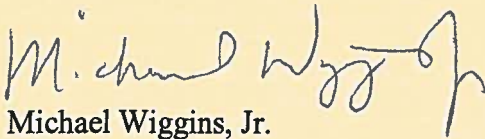
Dear Ms. Hedman,

I am pleased to inform you that the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians has approved and adopted the enclosed water quality standards by resolution number 7-6-11-441. These standards were prepared under Clean Water Act Section 303(c) and are being submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval.

The Bad River Tribe's proposed water quality standards were refined based on the comments received during the public comment period, which was initiated on February 7, 2011, and closed on March 28, 2011 upon the commencement of the public hearing. The attached responsiveness summary explains the public participation that was conducted, summarizes the public comments received, and provides the Bad River Tribe's responses to the public comments, including describing modifications to the proposed standards.

We appreciate the preliminary feedback provided by the U.S. EPA on the Bad River Tribe's water quality standards and the support the U.S. EPA has provided us over the years in reaching this milestone. We look forward to continuing to work with the U.S. EPA to achieve federal approval of the standards. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. I can be reached at (715) 682-7111 or via email at BRTchair@badriver-nsn.gov. Alternatively, you can contact our Water Resources Specialist, Naomi Tillison, at (715) 682-7123 or via email at wqs@badriver-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,


Michael Wiggins, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Linda Holst, Water Quality Branch Chief, U.S. EPA Region 5

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Re: Bad River Water Quality Standards

Dear Ms. Hedman,

I reviewed the process to enact the Bad River Water Quality Standards and certify that the Tribe complied with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. 131.6, the hearing, notice and response requirements of 40 C.F.R. 25, and all other applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act.

The Bad River Tribal Council is authorized under Tribal law to enact the Water Quality Standards, and enacted the Standards by Resolution No. 07-06-11-441. The Standards as adopted will constitute the law of the Tribe, when approved by the U.S. EPA.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free contact me at (715) 682-7107 ext. 1540 during regular business hours.

Sincerely,



Erick Arnold
Lead Attorney

cc: Bad River Tribal Council
Naomi Tillison

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